

CLAIMS:

1. A deep fat fryer comprising:

a pan for holding liquid fat for frying food, the pan having a brim extending along its topmost end;

a heater for heating fat in the pan;

5 a housing shielding the pan from the environment;

an upright exterior wall surface facing away from the pan ; and

a collar extending closely along the brim of the pan;

characterized in that the collar is detachable and includes a flange projecting outwardly from the brim.

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2. A fryer according to claim 1, wherein the flange projects downwardly along at least a portion of said wall surface.

3. A fryer according to claim 2, wherein a free edge of the flange abuts or
15 extends closely along said wall surface.

4. A fryer according to claim 3, wherein said wall surface has a rim having an upwardly facing surface extending around said housing, said free edge of said flange abutting or extending closely along said rim.

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5. A fryer according to any one of the claims 2-4, wherein said portion of said wall surface along which said flange extends is inwardly recessed relative to a portion of said wall surface located under said recessed wall portion.

25 6. A fryer according to claim 1, wherein said flange projects away from said wall surface, a free edge of said flange being radially and outwardly spaced from said wall surface.

7. A fryer according to claim 6, wherein said flange extends upwardly.

8. A fryer according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the flange has an anti-adhesive outer surface.

5 9. A fryer according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least a portion of the collar is of a flexible material.

10. A fryer according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least said flange is of fat absorbing material.

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11. A fryer according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least said flange is of biodegradable material.

12. A collar for mounting in a position extending along a brim of a liquid fat
15 holding pan of a fryer according to any one of the preceding claims, the brim extending along a topmost end of the pan, the fryer further comprising a housing shielding the pan from the environment, and an upright exterior wall surface facing away from the pan; the collar having at least one portion for mounting closely along said brim; the collar including a flange projecting outwardly from the portion for mounting closely along said brim.